

# Salem Scene

By Everett E. Cutter

## OREGON PROMINENT IN ELECTION YEAR SUSPENSE

It's an election year, all right, and nowhere is it more obvious than in the excitement and speculation marking Salem activities this week.

The rush for candidacy filings occurred at the Capitol Building on Tuesday (March 19). With head-on races for each legislative seat now a campaign reality and challenge, suspense builds as many candidates hold off until most filing decisions are known before committing themselves to what they believe will be their best races or positions.

But even as state and local contests are firming up, there is increasing talk here about the next important date in Oregon politics. That also is this week, March 22, and it is the last day when persons listed as Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates in Oregon's Preferential Primary election may file to remove their names from the ballots.

Speculation increasingly is building up our state as a crucial one in this year's American exercise of choosing a President. The Oregon primary, some say, will accurately tab the two parties' nominees and may well prove decisive in who will occupy the White House for the next four years.

Certainly national eyes have been turning toward Oregon's early primary election and its

requirement for commitment, during the fast-breaking events of the last month. Network television, wire services and national syndicate reporters are planning extensive coverage of the Oregon primary if events firm up the way many now are predicting.

Significant among the last month's events was Michigan Gov. George Romney's withdrawal from the Republican race, leaving the way open for New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to challenge Richard Nixon for the Presidential nomination on that ticket.

This he can do now merely by neglecting to file an affidavit of non-candidacy in Oregon. Both Rockefeller and Nixon were announced for the primary ballot earlier this month by Secretary of State Clay Myers, as were California Gov. Ronald Reagan and Illinois Sen. Charles Percy, Republicans.

On the Democratic ticket, voters will choose among President Johnson, New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy and independent George Wallace--unless any formally withdraws.

On this roster, too, expectations are fluctuating as a result of significant events of the last few weeks. Foremost among these was the nation's first primary election, in New Hampshire, where Sen. McCarthy's strong showing against the incumbent President prompted Sen. Kennedy to reassess his position on running for President this year. At this writing, Kennedy had not filed to withdraw from the Oregon race.

Oregon, then, could well become a major battleground for both parties' nominees--between Nixon and Rockefeller and between the President and Kennedy.

Campaigning can make a big difference. Oregonians have a reputation for favoring candidates who visit the state and make an effort to meet the voters. The 1964 Rockefeller theme of "He Cared Enough to Come to Oregon" undoubtedly helped him win over Barry

## Learn To Live With Nature Is Theme Of Wildlife Week

"Learn To Live With Nature" is the theme for National Wildlife Week, March 17-23. And the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) suggests some ways to do it.

Archie D. Craft, BLM state director, said, "As managers of 16 million acres of public land in Oregon and Washington, we in the Bureau of Land Management are keenly aware of the need for nature and man to live in harmony. We are glad to cooperate with the National Wildlife Federation and other agencies in giving special emphasis to conservation education during Wildlife Week."

Craft said that ways to "learn to live with nature" include: 1. Outdoor schools and conservation tours for sixth graders, 2. Integration of natural resource study throughout school curricula, 3. Participation in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and similar youth organizations, 4. Enrollment in adult education classes related to natural resources, 5. Participation in hobby clubs, garden clubs, natural science societies, and other groups interested in nature, 6. Touring, hunting, fishing, rock hounding, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities, 7. Ranching, logging, farming, and similar occupations, and 8. Reading about nature and natural resource management.

"But just learning about nature and enjoying the outdoors isn't enough," cautioned Craft.

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Mrs. Ada Hewitt of Boise arrived March 14 for a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Eastman and Pat.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wernick attended recent funeral rites for Henry Clay of New Meadows, Ida. He was the father of their son-in-law, Albert Clay.

Mrs. Homer Ernest of Madras, Ore., arrived March 18 for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Orris.

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## ADRIAN NEWS

By Pauline Mackey

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton of Boise visited March 17 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ashcraft.

Mary Watts was a March 15 overnight guest of Debra Bowers.

March 15 evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowers were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dockter and family of Ione, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webb and Melanie and Mary Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowers and family visited March 16 with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baker of Cairo Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackey spent March 15-17 with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Helton and Joy at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Symonds of Port Townsend, Wash., visited March 14 with her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown received word that a son was born to his granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Kristine Korman) Hudson Saturday March 16, 1968 at a Boise hospital. This is his first great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven recently took care of their grandchildren while their mother Mrs. Bruce DeHaven of Ontario spent a week with her sister who was hospitalized in Eugene after a car accident. Also spending spring vacation at the DeHaven home was a

## Adrian Pupils Participate At Music Event

Twenty-nine Adrian high school and junior high students participated in the Oregon District IX Solo and Ensemble Contest held March 7 in Vale. Judges for the event were Ron VanOrder, Meridian, piano and brass instruments; Dan Cantrell, Emmett, woodwinds and percussion; and Phil Peterson, Meridian, vocal.

1-ratings were received by Earnie Lewis, tenor (eligible for state competition); piano duet (Jane Timmerman and Lois Seuell); Daryl Stoker, trumpet; Monte Fujishin, alto saxophone; and Mary Looney, piano.

Other participants and their ratings were: Earl Stoker, clarinet, II plus; Steven Montgomery, trumpet, II plus; Jeanette Phifer, Mezzo-soprano, II plus; clarinet duet (Mary Timmerman and Jill Franklin II plus; Cynthia Chapin, alto saxophone, II; mixed vocal double quartet (Cristine Orris, Nena Salomon, Nancy Nelson, Lois Seuell, Earl Stoker, Earnie Lewis, Tim Tallman, and Jerry Sloan) II; clarinet duet (Rita Piercy and Cheryl Burroughs) II; Jill Franklin, clarinet, II; Kathy Salomon, organ, II; vocal duet (Mary Looney and Carol Burroughs) II; vocal trio (Kathy Salomon, Connie Campbell, and Vickie Lane) III; Polly Lewis, soprano, II; Jill Franklin, alto, II; Sheila Pratt, Mezzo-soprano, II; Donna Rossbach, mezzo-soprano, II; and Linda Austin, alto, II.

Student accompanists were Jane Timmerman, Lois Seuell, Leslie Fujishin, Kaylene Miasako and Mary Looney.

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### THE BROKER'S FEES

When it comes time to sell, most property owners use a real estate broker to locate a buyer. If the broker finds a person who buys the property, the seller is not apt to question the payment of the commission. Sometimes, however, the broker finds a customer who is ready, willing and apparently able to buy, but for some reason or another the sale is not completed. Is the broker ever entitled to receive a commission in such instances?

The answer is "yes."

Let's take an example. Tom listed his property with Fred, a broker for a real estate company. Fred found a buyer for Tom's property and had the earnest money receipt signed by all parties concerned. The receipt called for the transaction to be completed within 30 days after the signing.

Later, however, the purchasers asked for an extension of time.

"I'm sorry," Tom replied. "I can't wait any longer. I know another person interested in the property. Let's forget the whole thing."

The purchaser agreed and he and Tom voluntarily terminated the contract. Tom then personally sold the property to the other buyer.

"Where's my commission?" Fred asked Tom.

"What commission? Your prospect didn't buy the property. He backed out voluntarily. I don't owe you any commission."

and sons of Fruitland visited on the evening of March 15 with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stam and family.

Melanie Webb spent a recent weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dines at Marsing.

Bruce Winn participated in the March 16 Paul Revere show, "Happening 68". He was a member of the Buster Brown rhythm and blues band.

tion," Tom replied. The court ruled otherwise, however. It said that a real estate broker is entitled to a commission if he procures a purchaser even though the contract between the purchaser and the seller is voluntarily terminated.

Many real estate contract forms specifically spell out the penalties if either buyer or seller decide to terminate the contract before completion.

If you plan on buying or selling property, be sure you understand all documents before you sign them, lest you find yourself liable for a fee you'd rather not have to pay.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in fact may change the application of the law.)

## INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Elizabeth Shaughnessy was admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital Monday. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance after suffering injuries sustained in a fall at her home.

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